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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - ~~Consumer~~ Household Goods Movers - Receipts**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a ~~consumer~~ household goods mover, on completion of
4 ~~consumer household~~ goods moving services for an intrastate move, to provide a
5 consumer with a certain written receipt; ~~authorizing the Attorney General to~~
6 ~~institute a civil action against any person that violates this Act to recover for the~~
7 ~~State a certain penalty for each violation; providing that for purposes of this Act,~~
8 ~~each prohibited failure to provide a consumer with a certain written receipt is an~~
9 ~~independent violation; authorizing the Attorney General to seek a certain~~
10 ~~injunction; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and~~
11 generally relating to ~~consumer~~ household goods movers.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Commercial Law

14 Section ~~14-3201 through 14-3204, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle~~

15 ~~"Subtitle 32. Consumer Goods Movers - Receipts" 14-3102.1~~

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Commercial Law

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~~SUBTITLE 32. CONSUMER GOODS MOVERS — RECEIPTS.~~3 ~~14-3201.~~

4 (A) ~~IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
5 ~~INDICATED.~~

6 (B) ~~"CONSUMER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 13-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

7 (C) ~~"CONSUMER GOODS" MEANS GOODS USED PRIMARILY FOR PERSONAL,~~
8 ~~FAMILY, OR HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES.~~

9 (D) (1) ~~"CONSUMER GOODS MOVING SERVICES" MEANS THE LOADING,~~
10 ~~PACKING, MOVING, TRANSPORTING, STORING WHILE IN TRANSIT, UNLOADING, OR~~
11 ~~OTHERWISE TAKING POSSESSION OR CONTROL FROM A CONSUMER OF CONSUMER~~
12 ~~GOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOVING THEM TO ANOTHER LOCATION AT THE~~
13 ~~DIRECTION OF THE CONSUMER FOR A FEE.~~

14 (2) ~~"CONSUMER GOODS MOVING SERVICES" DOES NOT INCLUDE~~
15 ~~MOVING CONSUMER GOODS FOR DISPOSAL OR DESTRUCTION.~~

16 (E) ~~"MOVER" MEANS A PERSON WHO PROVIDES CONSUMER GOODS MOVING~~
17 ~~SERVICES.~~

18 ~~14-3202.~~

19 ~~THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO A CONSUMER GOODS MOVER PROVIDING~~
20 ~~CONSUMER GOODS MOVING SERVICES FOR AN INTRASTATE MOVE.~~

21 ~~14-3203. 14-3102.1.~~

22 ON COMPLETION OF ~~CONSUMER~~ HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING SERVICES FOR
23 AN INTRASTATE MOVE FOR A CONSUMER, A ~~CONSUMER~~ HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER
24 SHALL PROVIDE THE CONSUMER WITH A WRITTEN RECEIPT THAT STATES:

25 (1) THE ~~CONSUMER~~ HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER'S LEGAL NAME; AND

26 (2) THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF:

27 (I) THE ~~CONSUMER~~ HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER'S RESIDENT
28 AGENT IN THE STATE; OR

29 (II) IF THE ~~CONSUMER~~ HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVER DOES NOT
30 HAVE A RESIDENT AGENT IN THE STATE, THE ~~CONSUMER~~ HOUSEHOLD GOODS
31 MOVER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

1 14-3204.

2 (A) (1) ~~THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY INSTITUTE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST~~
3 ~~ANY PERSON THAT VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE TO RECOVER FOR THE STATE A CIVIL~~
4 ~~PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION.~~

5 (2) ~~FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH FAILURE TO PROVIDE A~~
6 ~~CONSUMER WITH A WRITTEN RECEIPT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF §~~
7 ~~14-3203 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS AN INDEPENDENT VIOLATION.~~

8 (B) ~~THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SEEK AN INJUNCTION IN A CIVIL ACTION~~
9 ~~TO PROHIBIT A PERSON THAT IS ENGAGED IN A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE FROM~~
10 ~~CONTINUING TO ENGAGE IN THE VIOLATION.~~

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2004.